

Sentence Combining: Clauses

A. Directions: Combine each pair of sentences by using a subordinate clause

1. Archaeologists have found many tombs in Ur. Ur is one of the ancient cities of the Sumerians.

2. Searches were carried out in these tombs. The searches uncovered as many as 74 skeletons.

3. The archaeologists documented their findings with photos. They found gold helmets and jewelry.

4. The remains of donkeys and oxen were found. There were no skeletons of sheep.

5. Perhaps some Sumerians agreed to die. They wanted their lives to continue along with their dead king.

B. Directions: On a separate sheet, rewrite the boxed paragraph by using subordinate clauses to combine sentences. Make the passage clearer and more concise.

You walked somewhere today. You used the most healthful form of transportation. Walking gives you a sense of well-being and energy. Walking also helps you beat stress. Scientists have studied exercise. They believe that walking two miles a day protects your heart. Running also protects the heart. Running eventually causes wear and tear on the body, especially knee joints. Walking, however, benefits your health for a lifetime.